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Mayor Paul Paschall completes leadership program with the United States Marine Corps

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas – Mayor Paul Paschall recently completed a weeklong United States Marine Corps (USMC) Leadership Program in San Diego, CA. This all-expense paid workshop by the USMC is held four times per year and hosts 30 leaders from across the country who serve in leadership roles.

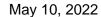
The program provides selected educators, coaches, directors and influential community members with an experiential opportunity to see how the USMC transforms young men and women into Marines. It also provides attendees with current information regarding Marine Corps training practices, military job skills, service opportunities, military lifestyle, and educational benefits available to Marines.

"The Marines are some of our strongest and bravest that serve in our nation's military," said Mayor Paul Paschall. "The opportunity was presented to me by a local Marine recruiter, and I knew immediately I wanted to be involved. As Americans we deeply appreciate our men and women in uniform and this program offered me a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to truly understand the training that all Marines experience in order protect our country."

The program is designed to demystify recruitment and officer candidate training, foster stronger relationships among recruiting personnel and the communities they serve, and increase advocacy among influencers who help shape decisions of young men and women. Candidates must meet specific criteria for consideration and be a civic leader that works closely with young adults.

"We experienced the same thing that recruits experience from extensive verbal interaction with drill sergeants, formation movements, physical fitness testing, navigating an obstacle course, repelling a tower, martial arts training, touring the flight line at the Marine Corp Air Station in Miramar, experiencing live fire exercises at the firing range, and receiving marksmanship training," said Mayor Paschall. "Additionally, I was able to meet and collaborate with USMC leadership in several roundtable leadership discussions."

Mayor Paschall is one of very few leaders across the nation to complete this USMC program. His week concluded by attending the EGA (Eagle, Globe and Anchor) pinning ceremony that follows the conclusion of "The Crucible" and attended a graduation ceremony for a USMC Boot Camp class.





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